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US PERSONNEL IN SAUDI ARABIA

-- We estimate that in March 1980 there were about 45,000 Americans resident in Saudi Arabia.

-- Only a small percentage of this total were directly involved in defense-related activities. We estimate that as of November 1980, there were about 500 USG military and about 800 DOD civilian personnel in Saudi Arabia in connection with our security assistance programs. There were also about 2900 civilian contract personnel in Saudi Arabia working on defense-related projects.

Manpower Requirements of F-15 Enhancement Systems and Aerial Surveillance Aircraft

-- Conformal Fuel Tanks -- no additional manpower required.

-- AIM 9L Missile -- no additional manpower required.

-- Aerial Refueling Tankers -- Depending on the type and number of aircraft purchased, manpower required would be 30-50 for operations (flight crew) and 125-175 for support (maintenance). While Saudis could provide manning for flight crews, civilian contractor personnel would probably be required for some time.

-- Airborne Surveillance System -- Depending on the type and number of aircraft purchased, there would be a need for between approximately 500 and 600 operations and support personnel. Maintenance would probably be provided by civilian contractor personnel for some time.

-- Multiple Ejection Racks -- No decision has been made on the release of this system. No additional manpower would be required.